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In re Application of:	Kevin Gunderson <i>et al.</i>)	Examiner: Betty J. Forman
Serial No:	09/553,993)	
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Response to Provisional Double Patenting Rejections:

35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 1-14 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-14 of copending Application No. 09/556,463. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. As an initial matter, no claims have been allowed in copending Application No. 09/556,463; therefore, as the Examiner notes, the rejection is merely provisional until claims issue in one of the applications. In addition, the Examiner does not indicate which claim in the